



Ballot Measure Question:

Shall the measure renewing for four years the Coast Life Support District's previously adopted appropriations limit to allow the use of all proceeds of taxes for ambulance and urgent care services be adopted?

YES / NO

Argument for Measure "E"

The Coast Life Support District (CLSD) is the only ambulance service in our community from Irish Beach to Timber Cove and inland to Annapolis serving over 6,500 residents. CLSD provides round-the-clock Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with highly skilled Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians every day of the year. EMS ground ambulance transports to Santa Rosa and Fort Bragg hospitals are approaching 600 annually. CLSD also financially supports daily and weekend on-call Urgent Care medical services through a contract with Redwood Coast Medical Services in Gualala. Urgent Care had over 5,200 patient visits in 2016 and over 5,300 in 2017.

EMS and Urgent Care services are funded in large part by parcel taxes. This ballot measure does not increase those taxes. The parcel tax rates approved in 2012 and 2014 are not changing as a result of this ballot measure. It simply asks that voters renew their approval of those existing expenditure levels (known as the Appropriations Limit) created by the parcel taxes which fund EMS and Urgent Care services. A majority vote is needed. This is because the California Constitution requires that this Appropriations Limit be reaffirmed by the voters every four years. CLSD expenditures from parcel taxes have always been below the Appropriations Limit.

Residents have historically provided strong support to CLSD and the work it does. Our Board fully advocates the passage of this measure and trusts our 3,800 registered voters will continue their support of the essential services our dedicated medical professionals provide our community.

Rich Hughes, Board President
On behalf of the CLSD Board